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To: All those concerned with drafting and editing United Nations documents and publications

Subject: **Spelling: United Nations practice in English**

1. The purpose of the present directive is to inform all those concerned with drafting and editing United Nations documents and publications that, effective immediately and until further notice, the authority for spelling and hyphenation in the United Nations is the eleventh edition of the *Concise Oxford English Dictionary* (Oxford and New York, Oxford University Press, 2004).

2. All queries regarding the application of the present directive should be addressed to the Chief, Editorial, Terminology and Reference Service.

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